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Extension of the Expression of Transgenic Proteins by Immunomodulation

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

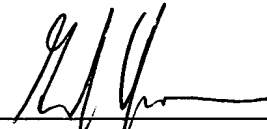
It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Examiner's Action of June 24, 2002 be extended three months, from September 24, 2002 to December 24, 2002.

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A check to cover the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication or the accompanying Reply to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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